

22 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Amendments to Covid-19 Arrangements from November 2020

Further to our letter of 2 September 2020, upon full school reopening we implemented a range of measures at Kingsmead to minimise risks for students and staff from Covid-19. We have monitored these measures and surveyed the opinions of parents, staff and students on their effectiveness. I write to inform you of amendments to our measures based on feedback from all our stakeholders.

- We intend to **return to a morning registration with tutors** from 8.40 am. This will help permit improved pastoral care and tutor-student communication. From Monday 2 November, your child should report to their tutor base from 8.40 am each morning. Your child's timetable in Firefly will be updated accordingly.
- Every morning, members of the leadership team will monitor the arrival of students to site with a mask. These should be consistently worn when moving between lessons. **Please ensure your child leaves home every morning with a mask in their possession.** Tutors will conduct masks checks and issue masks to those who have misplaced or broken theirs.
- Please support your child in coming to site with the means to **wipe their desk** upon arrival to each lesson. It is not feasible for staff members to consistently wipe every desk between lessons, whilst also collecting their next class from the waiting area, organising resources etc. Every child should also attend with their own **sanitiser**, and they may use the new sanitiser station installed in the foyer.
- It remains important for staff to increase the supply of fresh air in classrooms, through opening windows and doors. We will permit students to **wear coats in lessons** in the winter months if required. Clearly, excessively cold weather may limit this ventilation.
- **Waiting areas** remain important in ensuring that bubbles at Kingsmead do not cross. Each waiting area will be more clearly marked and 'boxed' to improve their clarity and bubble separation.
- We remain concerned about our very limited inside space with which to separate bubbles at lunch and break time, particularly as winter weather moves students off the field at lunch time. We are exploring options for the **purchase of marquees** to give additional all weather outside space.

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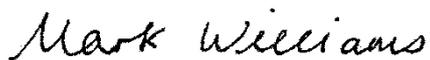
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- Please continue to follow the **Stay At Home Guidance** if you, your child or anyone in your household has Covid symptoms. See this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you have any questions or queries on these amendments to our measures on site, please email contact@kingsmead-school.com. We will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days.

Thank you for your support as we ensure that no stone is left unturned in order to keep our students and staff safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Williams". The script is cursive and fluid.

Mark Williams
Head Teacher